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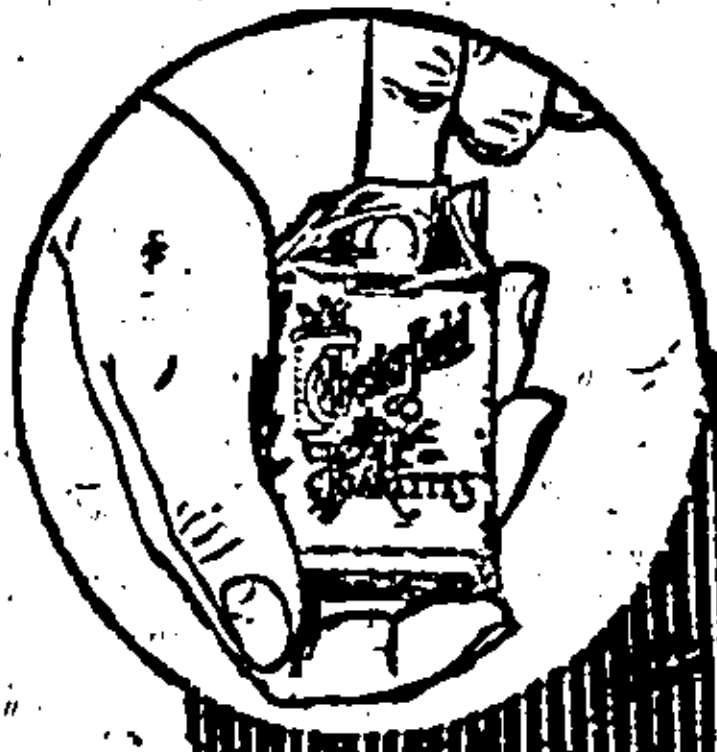
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(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

PIRE AT SEA.

RESCUES FROM BURNING "TOKUYO MARU."

New York, May 3.

Sixty-five people have been rescued from the burning "Tokuyo Maru," (mentioned in our earlier cables as ablaze at sea on a voyage from Valparaiso to Hongkong). Eight persons are missing. One is dead.

IRISH PEACE.

GOVERNMENT DENIES REPORTED OVERTURES.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Austen Chamberlain declared that the Government had not sent any message to Sinn Fein or authorised anybody to open negotiations on their behalf.

A FIERCE ENCOUNTER.

LONDON, May 3.

Six Sinn Feiners were killed and 14 wounded, and two soldiers wounded in a fierce 5-hour fight near Galbally, Limerick, between Sinn Feiners and Crown forces.

SPECIAL CHINESE ENVOY.

AN EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS.

LONDON, May 3.

The Chinese Minister gave a dinner in honour of Mr. Chu Chi Chien, at which the principal guest was Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education. In proposing the health of Mr. Fisher, Dr. Wellington Koo dwelt on Mr. Chu Chi Chien's interest in educational systems. Mr. Fisher, replying, spoke of the interest of the British Government in maintaining good relations in the East. He declared that the British were greatly attracted to the Chinese by their art, morals, teaching system, religion, honesty, simplicity, and absence of pretence. Mr. Chu Chi Chien, replying, said that he was an ardent admirer of British institutions and was much impressed by the genius of English people. He was glad to note their increased interest in Oriental culture and civilisation.

JAPANESE CROWN PRINCE.

IMPOSING DEPARTURE FROM GIBRALTAR.

Gibraltar, May 3.

The Japanese Crown Prince departed at 10 o'clock this morning delighted with his visit. Farewell visits were paid by the Governor and the Admiral with their personal staffs. The "Katori" and "Kashima" were escorted from harbour amidst royal salutes from ashore and aloft. The dressing and manning of the British and American warships was an imposing scene.

OUR FAR EASTERN CONSULATES.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR CANTON, TIENTSIN AND HARBIN.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, on the vote for consular buildings and residences in the Far East, Sir F. Bannister inquired regarding the necessity of spending £53,515 on the acquisition of a site for the erection of a new consular building at Tientsin, £22,000 for rebuilding the Consul-General's house at Canton, £20,000 for rebuilding the consular offices and assistants' quarters at Canton, and £27,000 for the erection of a new consulate and residence at Harbin. Col. Sir J. Gilmour, replying, said that as regards Tientsin all medical opinion had decided against continued occupation of the present Nirrar building. A sum of £9,955 was required this year for the acquisition of ground, but the sale of the present ground was expected to realise £37,500 as against necessary expenditure for new quarters. He thought that a fair and reasonable proposition. As regards Canton, he pointed out that severe floods had swept off many Shamen buildings and it was absolutely necessary to repair many damaged ones. The reconstruction was being carried out as economically as was commensurate with the dignity of our position. The vote was agreed to.

JAPPA DISTURBANCES.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS CAUSE FATAL AFFAIRS.

LONDON, May 3.

The High Commissioner of Palestine telegraphs that a labour meeting in a Jewish suburb of Jaffa on May 1 was disturbed by Jewish communists who were driven back into a mixed Moslem and Jewish quarter. An affray ensued in which many Jews and some Moslems were killed. Troops were summoned and restored order, but the disturbances broke out in the morning resulting in the deaths of several Jews and Moslems. Additional troops and police restored order. Altogether 30 Jews and ten Arabs were killed. Over 170 Jews and 57 Arabs were treated at hospital for wounds. The troops did not need to fire and the proclamation of martial law was not necessary. Some 66 arrests were made. The rest of the country is quiet.

GERMAN INDEMNITY.

INDIA'S CLAIM FOR A SHARE RECOGNISED.

LONDON, May 3.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Capt. Rees, Mr. Montagu stated that the Imperial Government had allowed the validity of India's claim to share in the indemnity from Germany as a member of the League of Nations. The amount was now being discussed.

M. P. RESIGNS.

LONDON, May 3.

Brigadier-General J. Tyson Wigan, Coalition-Unionist member of Parliament for Abington Division of Berks since December of 1918 has resigned on business grounds.

THE DOLLAR.

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MOTOR CYCLIST FINED.

DANGEROUS DRIVING.

PEDESTRIAN KNOCKED DOWN.

Before Magistrate Lindsell yesterday, a Chinese motor cyclist was summoned for driving to the danger of the public at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street.

The defendant said that as a Chinese with two parcels in his hands he was in front of his machine undecided which way to go, he applied the foot brake. There would have been no accident had not one of the man's parcels bumped his foot thus releasing the brake and causing the cycle to shoot forward and run into a stationary tram car.

An Indian constable said that he saw the defendant come out of Pedder Street at a high speed and turn into Des Voeux Road towards Watchai. Defendant ran into a Chinese crossing the road from the Hongkong Hotel to Watson's, and then swerved and collided with the tram car. The pedestrian did not hesitate in front of the machine but was going straight across the road when the defendant struck him from behind.

Remarking that had the defendant been going at a moderate pace he would have found no difficulty in stopping his machine, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

SEAMEN'S WAGES.

DECISION OF O.S.K.

REDUCTION OF SIX PER CENT.

The *Mainichi* says that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha has announced, in view of the shipping depression now prevalent, a reduction of about 20 per cent. in the wages of ordinary seamen in the employ of the company on the new scale of wages to be enforced on the expiry of the term of employment contracted for. This decision of the company is of course provoking intense discontent among the seamen affected. It is complained that to effect any reduction in their wages at the present time, when there is little fall in the prices of commodities, is unreasonable, because the wages of ordinary seamen are so small the money only enables them to lead a miserable life. If the company really intends to economise by reducing the wages of its employees it is scarcely proper that it should decide to reduce the wages of ordinary seamen only, leaving the salaries of able seamen and clerks of the company intact. On the other hand, the company contends that the reduction announced is not solely in consequence of the shipping depression prevailing at present. During the shipping boom many unexperienced hands were employed without full inquiries being made into their ability. By the proposed reduction the company desires to make some distinction between the able and ordinary seamen in wages. While in many cases there is a reduction in wages, an increase has been made in some cases. The reduction is therefore, on an average, six or seven per cent.

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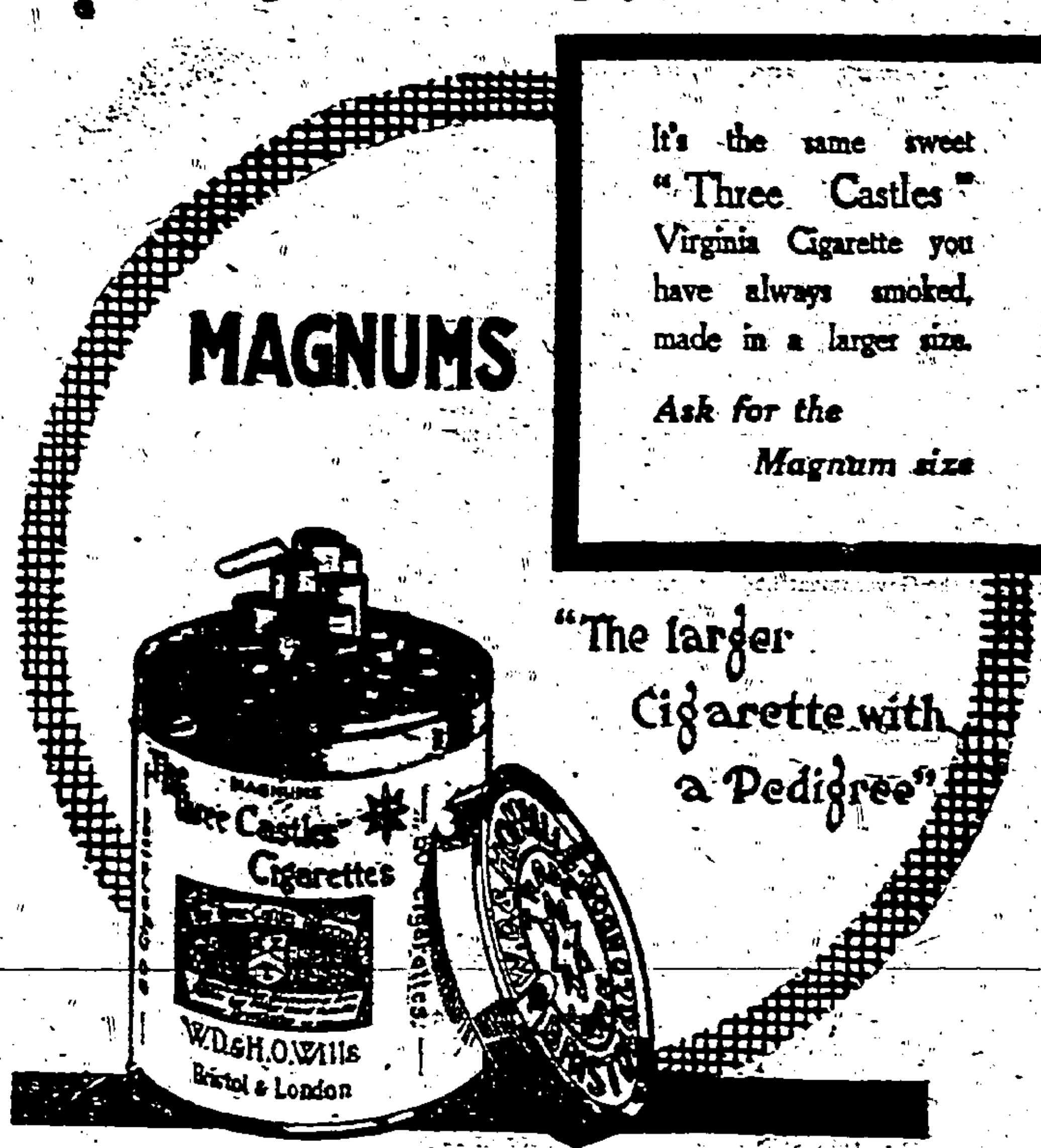
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CHINESE ART.

SUNG ARTISTS' WORK.

AN INTERESTING LECTURE.

The work of Sung artists who told
their message in a few simple strokes
that were nevertheless magic and
telling was described by Mr. R. D.
Abraham at a meeting of the American
Woman's Club Literary Department
held in the hall of the Royal Asiatic
Society, Shanghai.In order that the audience might
have an understanding of the in-
fluences that led to the artistic blo-
ssoming between 960 and 1120 A.D.,
Mr. Abraham described the progress
made during earlier dynasties."The first dynasty about which
we have any knowledge is the Chow,"
said Mr. Abraham. "Of course no
painting of this period exists, but
sacred bronzes indicate the civilisa-
tion of the time and show by their
modeling, balance, and design a cul-
ture of high type. But greater than
any art production of this age were
the doctrines taught by Confucius
and Lao-tzu, which were destined to
play an all-important part in the life
of the people of China."

CONFUCIUS' PRACTICAL.

"The teachings of Confucius gave
very little inspiration to painting, as
his doctrines were practical and showed
small patience with mysticism. He
concerned himself with strict social
rules that stunted the imagination
and did not give the spirit full sway.
As a result, the paintings of the periods
when those in power followed the
teachings of Confucius were lacking
in poetry and imagination and were
treated in a manner that conformed
strictly to the rules of propriety. This
is true to a great extent, yet in the
carrying out of its tenets of filial piety,
self-restraint and self-sacrifice, the
harshness was much softened.""The other great teacher, Lao-tzu,
was a mystic, and I believe that in
his works China received her best art
inspiration. In his writings are found
wonderful passages concerning the
mysticism of nature, and thoughts
that are pure and lofty."Mr. Abraham stated that as a whole
Buddhism's influence on Chinese
art was confined to the giving of
themes, such as Kwanyin, the Goddess
of Mercy and the Laughing Buddha.
The Chinese painting of the Sung
period, so often called Buddhist art,
is really Buddhist subjects treated in
a Chinese manner, based on the
philosophy of Lao-tzu.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE SLIGHT.

Foreign influence on Chinese art
was small, though the speaker re-
ferred to certain Greek ideas that
were carried by Alexander's forces toIndia and thence to China. They
are manifested in the grape pattern,
in the pegasus, in pottery urns, and
in mortuary clay figures. Various
Mohammedan devices are found in
Chinese works of art, neatly and
artistically worked on vessels for re-
ligious or ornamental purposes."Nature in its manifestations and
phenomena was the subject which
Chinese artists took as their ideal,"
Mr. Abraham said. "They heard
eternal truths in the never-ending
flow of a waterfall, and rugged rocks
gave their message of power and
strength. Powerful trees standing
alone on a vast plain or guarded tre-
trunks had their message as well, for
through them all the spirit of Supreme
Power moved. If it were a man that
they were painting, all detail of clothes
and physique were as nothing to the
strength of character seen in the face,
eyes, and hands."Mr. Abraham referred briefly to
the beautiful potteries and to the
exquisite leaf-green glaze developed
in the Han period. He spoke also
of the masterpieces of the Tang era,
when the brush-strokes resembled
sword cuts and when the colouring
developed into a thousand exquisite
tints."The more one looks at the art
of the Sung period, the more one is
convinced of the wonderful advance-
ment in thought and ideals," the
speaker said. "Individual paint-
ers had their own methods of treat-
ment. Mei-fai painted landscapes in
which mist-scenes pre-dominated;
they are soft, appealing and have all
the charm, freshness, and allurements
of a misty morning. The chief point
to emphasize is not the style of paint-
ing, but the artist's soul behind the
work. Men left the world and went
to the woods, where, amid pine trees
and soft running water, they learnt as
Anesaki said, that passion or even en-
thusiasm is an impediment to attain-
ment, that reason is useless, and that
the essential is intuition that illumi-
nates the mind like a flash in the dark-
ness."

STROKES MODULATED.

"The strokes made by the Sung
painters were wonderfully modulated,
thus giving expression to work
that was chiefly in monochrome.
They were masters in the application
of ink, and their paintings even to
this day look fresh and lustrous. But
the celestial artist was a great master
of colour also, and nothing can surpass
the soft, warm tones of Sung colours,
the rich, heavy pigments, being
wonderfully blended and toned by
age.""The landscapes of Sung are
famous for their portrayal of nature
in its varying moods—a mist scene
with its mystery and sadness; waving
bamboos mist laden and bent, symbols
of humility and purity; towering

LEADERS IN TIENTSIN.

A MILITARY CONFERENCE.

Peking, April 21.—The conference
at Tientsin between Generals Chang
Tao-lin and Tsoo Kun is in the nature
of a preliminary Consultation between
the military leaders. They are
now awaiting the arrival of General
Wang Chan-yuan from Hupeh, when
they will enter upon a full discussion
of the points of policy and political
and military action which have
brought them together.General Wang at first did not under-
stand what reasons had occasioned
the Tientsin conference, but he has
now been informed and has signified
his willingness to attend. He is due
to arrive at Tientsin in 2 day or
two's time. As soon as the military
leaders have reached an agreement
amongst themselves on the subjects in
hand they will come up to Peking to
report to the Government.—Reuter.peaks, aspiring to the heavens; spiky
pines that lifted their heads up to the
light; rocks powerful and immovable,
yet smoothed and rounded by the
gentle stream."Mr. Abraham described in detail a
painting of a cataract indicating in-
tensity and depth by its foam. An-
other painting by Mu-chi shows ham-
bros with the tops lost in mist, from
which a crane is emerging."The Sung period produced great
painters," said the speaker in con-
clusion. "These men lived spiritual
lives according to the teaching of
their ancestors and gave the world a
message, through their works of peace
and spiritual calm."At the conclusion of the talk, the
Literary Department extended a vote
of thanks to the speaker. Several
beautiful Sung paintings belonging
to Mr. Abraham were exhibited in
connection with the talk, including
two by the Emperor Hui Tsung.

TO STUDY LITERATURE.

Mrs. H. A. Wilbur, chairman of the
Literary Department, announced that
the Program Committee is holding
meetings to arrange the schedule for
next year. The general subject will
be Chinese Literature, and it has been
thought best to study historical back-
grounds and personages, beginning
with the legendary and feudal periods.
Members of the Department who
would like to assist by reading, on
related subjects and meeting with
the committee are asked to give their
names to the chairman.The next meeting of the Literary
Department will take place on May
sixth at the Royal Asiatic Society
Hall, when Mrs. Fred Van Buren
will read her paper on the Emperor
Hui Tsung, postponed on ac-
count of illness. Mrs. M. P. Dunbar
will give a talk on "Ming Paintings."

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ecclesiastical calendar, in which festi-
vals and high holidays were printed
in red ink. These important days
consequently became known as "Red
Letter Days"—hence the term to-day."Murder will out" is a phrase
which Geoffrey Chaucer originated,
although in the first instance it was
spelled "Mordre wol out.""Truth is stranger than fiction" is
a well-used saying, and perhaps it is
not generally known that it was origi-
nally employed by Byron in his "Don
Juan.""Escaped with the skin of my
teeth," it is interesting to observe,
originated in the Bible—Job, chapter
19, verse 20."Necessity is the mother of inven-
tion" is well over two and a half cen-
turies old. These well-worn words
were first found in Francis Bacon's
"Northern Memoirs," written in 1623."Eaten her out of house and
home," a phrase, in view of the
present price of food, undoubtedly re-
peated by worried housewives, was
originated by Shakespeare in his
"Henry IV.""Anything for a quiet life," is an
expression which arose from a play
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About 100 pairs English made
Boots in Box Calf Black Glaze
and Tan Glaze.

Terms—Cash.

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Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

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ON
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May 6, 1921, commencing at 2.30
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An Assortment of
Chinese Porcelaina, Carols,
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etc., etc., etc.

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and Towklong Periods.

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without reserve.

(Full particulars from catalogue)
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Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

(For account of the concerned)
ON
TUESDAY,
May 10, 1921, at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 1, Cox's Path, Cox's Road,
Kowloon,
SUNDAY
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc., etc.,
therein contained.
Including Pantry and Kitchen
Utensils, etc., etc.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, May 3, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Messrs. RE-
GINALD MEUN, AUSTIN,
CEDRIC CHARLES BOYER, and
ALLAN BROWN STEWART to
sign for the Company "per
procuration" from this date.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 1, 1921.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

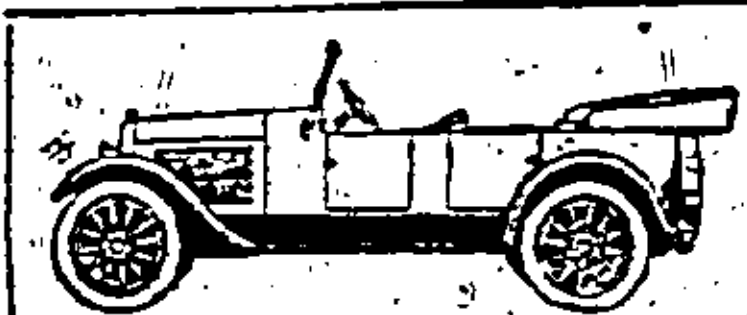
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
a GENERAL MEETING of
Members will be held in the pavilion of
the Club on TUESDAY, the 10th May,
1921, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of
confirming the following resolutions
which were passed at an extraordinary
general meeting of members held on
the 14th day of April, 1921.

1. That the present Hongkong
Cricket Club be wound up, and
the Committee be authorised to
take all necessary steps for the
purpose.
2. That the Committee be authorised
to register a Company limited by
guarantee not exceeding \$100 per
member, on the terms of the
Memorandum and Articles of
Association which will be submitted
to the Meeting.
3. That the Committee be authorised
to assign and hand over to the
new Company, when registered, all
the assets of the Club.

By Order of the Committee.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, May 2, 1921.

St. John's Cathedral
MONDAY,
May 9th,
at 9.15 p.m.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION will be held at the CITY
HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,
the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON,
for the purpose of considering and if
thought fit of passing the following
resolutions—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong
& Shanghai Banking Corporation be
and they are hereby requested and
authorised by and on behalf
of the shareholders of the Com-
pany to take the steps necessary
for the introduction of an Ordinance
into the Legislative Council of
the Colony of Hongkong and for
the enactment of the same by
the Governor of Hongkong, with
the consent of the Council of
Legislation, to effect the
amendments necessary to the
Ordinance under which the Com-
pany is incorporated and carrying
on business so as to allow of the
capital of the Company being
from time to time increased from
20 millions of dollars the present
authorised capital of the Company
to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong
& Shanghai Banking Corporation be
forthwith increased from
\$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000 by the
creation of 40,000 New Shares of
\$125 each to be issued at the
price of \$70 on the terms after
mentioned. Shareholders on the
Eastern Register to pay for their
allocments at the rate of exchange
for the Company's demand bills on
London on the day on which the
instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the
first instance, in such manner as
the Directors shall prescribe for
that purpose, offered to share-
holders in the proportion of one
New Share for every three shares
which on the 28th day of May,
1921, Shareholders shall respec-
tively be the registered Holders,
and that any New Shares not
accepted by Shareholders within
the time limited by the Directors
for that purpose be disposed of
and allotted by the Directors in
such manner and at such price as
in their discretion they shall think
best in the interests of the Com-
pany.

4. That the payment of the sum of
\$70 per share for each of the said
New Shares be made as follows,
viz—

- 1st instalment of \$35 on the
1st of July, 1921.
- 2nd and final instalment of \$35
on the 1st day of October,
1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Share-
holders, holding shares less than
or not a multiple of three, a frac-
tional certificate in respect of each
share less than three or in excess
of a multiple of three and allot
one New Share to every person
who shall produce three such
Fractional Certificates on or before
the 1st day of July, 1921, and
pay the first instalment in respect
thereof.

6. That after payment of the instal-
ment, and pending payment of
the remaining instalment, Scrip
Certificates in such form as the
Directors may determine be issued
in respect of such New Shares
entitling the holders on payment
of the remaining instalment, and
subject to such other terms as to
approval, date for lodging scrip
certificates and otherwise as the
Directors may prescribe, to be
registered as the owner of the
shares respectively represented by
such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per
cent per annum be allowed out
of the profits of the Company on
instalments paid in advance of the
dates when the same become due,
and that registered holders of
Scrip Certificates for New Shares
be entitled in respect of such New
Shares to participate in future
dividends on an equality with the
old shares, in proportion to the
instalments paid, and from due
dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per
cent per annum be charged on
each instalment not punctually
paid, and be paid with each such
instalment.

9. That all moneys received from
premium on the said New Shares
be added to the Sterling Reserve
Fund.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the REGISTER of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 5th May to SATUR-
DAY, 28th May (both days inclusive)
during which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, May 3rd.—
Mr. Hughes, in his note on Monday
evening, informed Herr von Simons that
the German counter-proposals were un-
acceptable as the basis of discussion of
reparations, and urged Germany to fulfil
the desire of the American Government
for a prompt settlement of "this vital
question."

LONDON, May 3rd.—
Admiral Grasset, the French Mediter-
ranean Admiralissimo, who was sum-
moned by M. Briand, arrived in London this
morning, accompanied by a number of
officers. There are numerous Allied naval
and military officers in London, awaiting
orders from Downing Street.

When the Supreme Council assembled
at 11 o'clock this morning, following a
meeting of financial experts, it was re-
garded probable that the meeting would
last the whole day.

M. Briand, who was shown the text of
the American note to Germany, expressed
pleasure at its tone.

PARIS, May 3rd.—
Various units destined for the Rhine-
land entrained at several places, yester-
day, in perfect order. There will be
400,000 men ready to occupy the Ruhr
area by May 15th, according to *Le Petit
Parisien*, while *L'Echo de Paris* says that
the French Mediterranean Squadron has
been chosen to effect the blockade of Ger-
man ports, in which event British co-
operation will be under the orders of a
British Admiral.

Nothing is known in British official
quarters of the new German note to the
United States. It is thought that the
report regarding it must refer to Ger-
many's recent message to America,
announcing the proposal to America
of April 24th. There is no news of
any new German proposals.

U.S. JOB PRINTERS' STRIKE.

NEW YORK, May 3rd.—
The job printers employed in numerous
plants throughout the country are con-
tinuing out on strike, owing to the
producers refusing to grant a 4-hour week.
It is estimated that nearly 5,000 have
struck in Chicago, and several newspapers
have been compelled to suspend publication
or issue joint or curtailed editions.

U.S. SHIPPING STRIKE.

LONDON, May 3rd.—
The *Times* New York correspondent
says that 200 ships are held up in New
York harbour, as a result of the strike
of 6,000 marine engineers, the Unions
having instructed 40,000 seamen and fire-
men on the Atlantic ports to strike. The
daily loss from the strike is estimated at
\$250,000.

NEW YORK, May 3rd.—
The American Steamship Owners' Association has rejected the suggestion
of Mr. Hoover to submit their dispute
with the marine workers to arbitration.

"TOKYO MARU" ABLAZE.

ASTORIA, May 2nd.—
The *Tokyo Maru*, which left Valparaiso
for Hongkong, had an outbreak of fire
on board while at sea. The crew have
been rescued, but it is feared that the
vessel is a total loss.

FOR PEACE IN IRELAND.

LONDON, May 3rd.—
The ex-Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr.
Farrell, it is stated, has received a semi-
official offer from the Government, which
is described as the biggest ever suggest-
ed; namely, that the Government is pre-
pared to give Ireland Dominion Home
Rule, subject to national defence safe-
guards, immediately Ireland is ready to
accept it.

Mr. Farrell declared that he submitted
the offer to David Eirann.

LONDON, May 2.—
Lord Edmund Talbot, now Viscount
Fitz Alan, was sworn in as Viceroy at
a meeting of the Privy Council in
Dublin Castle, the quaint ceremonial
occurring in private. Viscount and
Viscountess Fitz Alan arrived at
Kingstown in the early morning, and
were greeted on landing by the news-
paper-seller, who has welcomed every
Viceroy during the last fifty years.
His Excellency shook hands with the
old man.

It is officially announced that three
policemen and four Sinn Feiners were
killed in an affray in South Ireland
during the week-end.

LONDON, May 2.—
In the House of Commons, replying
to questions, Mr. Shaw stated that
Lord Derby's visit to Ireland was
undertaken purely on his own respon-
sibility and initiative. The Govern-
ment had not encouraged Lord Derby
with a further mission.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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NO FOREIGN COAL.

LONDON, May 3rd.—
As regards shipments of French coal,
transport leaders have appealed to men
in an interview, that assurances had been
received from Dutch, French, Belgian,
German and Austrian workers that they
would prevent the export of coal to Great
Britain. Furthermore, the attempt would
be frustrated at British ports. They said
that feeling among transport workers is
such that coal importation will not be
tolerated.

In the meanwhile, two steamers with
Belgian coal arrived at Yarmouth, on
Sunday, but the Union labourers de-
clined to unload, whereupon sufficient vol-
unteers were forthcoming to discharge one
steamer, the police protecting the volun-
teers.

LONDON, May 3rd.—
The Government has agreed to allow
trading at Kempton and Newmarket
provided that it does not involve the use
of railways.

SPECIAL CHINESE ENVOY.

PARIS, April 30th.—
A farewell dinner given by Chu Chi-
chen, the Chinese President's Special
Envoy to France, was attended by a
number of prominent personalities in
the scientific, military and political
world, notably, among them, the Minister
of Commerce, M. Diori, the former
Premier Painleve, the University Rector
Appell, and Marshalls Fayolle and
Petain. Marshal Petain, in an address,
stated that France remains profoundly
pacific, and is not moved by the im-
perialistic idea at all.—*Havas*.

CHINA'S COPPER COINAGE.

APPALLING STATE OF AFFAIRS.

LIGHT WEIGHT COINS IMPORTED BY
THE MILLION.

In the notice posted up in the tram-
cars, announcing that in future brass
cents cannot be accepted as payment
for fares, lies a remarkable story of
the suicidal course which is being
taken by those responsible for China's
currency policy.

Only two months ago there appear-
ed in circulation considerable quanti-
ties of new copper coins of poor qual-
ity. These have accelerated the de-
preciation of small money to an alarm-
ing degree. Mr. Donald McColl,
general manager of the International
Settlement railway system, who is a
foremost authority on here on cur-
rency problem, in an interview with
a representative of the *North-China
Daily News* recently, said that the
shameful policy of exploitation by the
mints was aided by popular preference
for a state of affairs in which people
could obtain the greatest number of
cents to the dollar. Thus for small
payments such as tram fares, matches
and other sundries small money was
exclusively used.

In a country like China, he con-
tinued, vast numbers of the people
are paid in copper coins and adjust-
ments have not been made which com-
pensate for depreciation. The pur-
chasing power of the people has
therefore, been reduced to a very low
ebb. Again the position is aggravated
by H.C.L. In a country like China
with the population poor at the best
of times, a depreciated and further
depreciating subsidiary currency is
greatly intensifying the struggle for
existence.

DISASTER AHEAD.
"It is no exaggeration," declared
Mr. McColl, "to say that the cur-
rency policy of China to-day, unless
promptly remedied, can scarcely fail
to have far-reaching and disastrous
consequences."

The tramway companies were
obliged to issue instructions to their
employees not to accept the new
tokens in payment of fares. The rea-
sons for this departure are strikingly
illustrated in the following figures
which Mr. McColl gave our repre-
sentative.

In 1909 the number of passen-
gers carried amounted to 11,772,715.
The gross revenue from each passen-
ger was 4.84 cents; the loss by de-
preciation of subsidiary coinage was
20.25 per cent, leaving a net receipt
per capita of 3.86.

For the first quarter of 1921 the
number of passengers carried was

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Apr 27-28, 1921.

Butcher Meat.

Beef Steaks—Mei Lung Pa	20
Prime Out	18
Corried—Ham Ngau Yek	21
Roast—Shiu	20
Breast—Ngau Nam	16
Joop—Tong Yuk	18
Steak—Ngau Yek Pa	20
Steak Steaks—Ngau Lan	20
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	21
Sallock's Brains—Ngau No per set	10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li each 50	10
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li	each 50 cents
Head—New Tan	each 30
Heart—Ngau Sam	13
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	18
Feet—Ngau Keuk	each 10
Kidneys—Ngau Yek	9
—Ngau Mei	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	18
Tripe (washed)—Ngau To	18
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau Tai	each 10
—Mei Keuk	each 10
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pak Kwai	18
Leg—Yeung Pak	18
Shoulder—Yeung Shau	18
Saddle—Yeung On Yek	18
Pigs' Chittlings—Chu Cheung	12
Brains—Chu No	per set 2
Feet—Chu Keuk	15
Fry—Chu Chap	15
Head—Chu Tai	15
Heart—Chu Sam	each 10
Kidneys—Chu Yek	each 10
Liver—Chu Kon	18
Fore Chop—Chu Pak Kwai	18
Leg—Chu Pak	18
Loin—Chu Han Tan	24
Fat or Lard—Chu Yek	23
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung	each 70
Tan Keuk	each 70
Heart—Yeung Sam	each 10
Kidneys—Yeung Yek	each 12
Liver—Yeung Kon	18
Smoking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai	24
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yek	19
Mutton—Shang Yek—Tan	32
Veal—Ngau Tai Yek	20
Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheung	No. 1—18 28

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Tai	18 28
Capon, Small—Shi Kai	24
Capon, Large—Shi Kai	28
Duck—Ap	30
Dove—Pau Kai	20
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	22
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	22
Fowls, Canton—Kai	18 40
Fowls, Hainan—Hot Nam Kai	32
Geese—Nga	25
Pigeons, Canton—Fat Kap, each	25
—Hollow—Hot Nam Fat Kap	each 70
Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	70
Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai No	25
Snipe—Shi Tai	each 22
Pheasant—Shi Kai	1.10
Quail—On Chun	26
Partridges—Chu Kai	26

Fruits.

Almonds—Heng Yan	18 25
Apples (California)—Kam Shan	each 10
—Ping So	45
Bananas (Orinda), Macao—Shan	each 10
Carrots—Yeung To	each 10
Lemons, China—Ling Mong	18 18
Lemons (America)—Kam Shan	each 9
Lichies, Dried, (small sizes)	18
—Lai Chi Kon	35
Oranges (Canton), Sweet	18
—Shan-sheng Tin Chang	18
—Ling Mong	18
Peaches—Yeung To	18
Persimmons, Large—Hung Tai	18
Plantain—Tai Chiu	18
Pumpkin, Small—Taim Lo Yek	each 12
Walnuts—Hoy To	18 14
Grapes—Po Tai Tai	18

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chi Cheuk	each 8
Peas, Sprout—Nga Tai	18 6
—Long—Tau Kok	18
Beet Root—Kung Tai Tan	2 20
Bitter Squash—Fa Kai	18
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yek Kwai	5
—Red—Hung Kwai	5
Cabbage Chinese, (common)	18
—Kai Tai	6
—(Shanghai)—Ye Tai	5
Cauliflower, Large—Ye Tai	4
—(Small)	18
Carrots—Kam Shan	18 5
Cauliflower, Small—Ye Tai	4
Chillies, Dried—Kai Tai	30
—Red—Hung Fa Chiu	35
—Green—Ching Lai Chiu	8
Curry Stuff, English—Kai Tai	18 10
Cucumbers—Ching Kwai	each 2
Garlic—Sun Tai	18 6
Ginger young—Sun Tai	18 6
Ginger, old—Lo Kwong	18 6
Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Kai	21
Indian Corn—Shi Kai	each 6
Lettuce—Yeung Shung Tai	18 5
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	18 7
—Mandarin—Kwai	18
—Lam Ma Tai	5
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tai Kai	18
Okra—Sun Tai	18 10
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tai	18 18
Onions, Green—Shing Ching	18
Onions, Shanghai—Shing Ching	18
Parsley—Kai Tai	20
Potatoes, Sweet—Fa Kai	9
—Japanese—Yat Fai—Shi Tai	18
—American—Fa Kai Shi Tai	18
Pumpkin—Tung Kai	18
Radishes—Hung Lo Pak Tai	18
Shallots (French)—Tai Wong	18
Shallots—Kong Ching Tai	18
Spinach—Yin Tai	18
Tomatoes—Pau Kai	5
Taro—Ye Tai	18
Turnips, Fresh (Canton)—Lai Kai	18
Vegetable Marrow—Tai Kai	18
Water Cress—Shi Kai	18
—Lai Kai	18
Yams—Ta Shu	18

equal to about 115 millions per an-
num. The gross receipts per head
were only 2.28 cents. The net re-
venue per passenger was as low as
1.59 cents, representing a loss by
depreciation of subsidiary coinage of
30.25 per cent. It is estimated that
at least 3,080,000 copper cents
are in circulation, owing to enormous
additions to this currency during the
past few years. The immediate effect,
on top of an already superabundant
circulation, has been to increase the
ratio of depreciation. In Shanghai in
January, 1919, 132.12 cent coins
went to the dollar, in February, 1921,
143.50, on March 12 last the rate
was as high as 145.37, and to-day the
figure stands at 148.63.

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coins came into the port on the 26th
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elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chow
Shou Seng, of 7, Excelsior Ter-
race, Robinson Road.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1921.

THE EINSTEIN RELATIVITY
RUBBISH.

Confound Einstein and all his works! His Theory of Relativity threatens to become a bore. The more it is "explained," the less there seems to be in it. The more we study it, the more we suspect a vulgar bamboozlement. Yet educated men talk of it respectfully, as if it mattered. Is there a conspiracy to pill the public leg, or are they less wise than we thought them? Or is the very clear and lucid mental state we fancy we have attained an illusion? As we see it, nothing is changed, nothing new advanced save new tricks with old words. A prize of \$5,000 (gold) was offered for the best explanation, which was won by L. Bolton, M.A., of the British Patent Office, and published in the *Scientific American*. This essay we have just read.

It is admitted that light waves in *vacuo* (apart from gravitation, the shifting observer, or the moving source) travel in a straight line at a regular pace. It is admitted that even allowing for the fact that the observer moves (on our whirling globe) lengths (measurements) at right angles to the direction of motion are "not affected," that is

to say, they are stable, and may be trusted. It seems to follow that lengths are not "affected" because they are in the line of motion, but only seem to be, as two parallel lines seem to come together when we look down a long railway gauge. Then why quarrel with the Newtonian theory, when we do not in a panic stop the train? It is admitted that these alleged variations in what should be stable measurements are very small, and only demonstrable mathematically. Not that the mathematician can picture the thing mentally any better than other people, but his symbols enable him to abstract the relevant properties from it, and to express them in a form suitable for exact treatment without the necessity of picturing anything, or troubling whether or not the properties are those on which others rest for their conceptions.

Quite so; but that ignores the power of mathematics to produce unnatural properties, as illusory as those of words. Once deprived of what are here called "pictures" (ideas and concepts) the mind may descend to absurdities, like the mathematician who argued in this way: "My brother Jim is 10 years older than I. When I was two years of age, he was six times as old as I was. When I was five, he was only three times as old as I was. When I was ten, he was only twice as old as I was. Here a mathematical progression downwards is demonstrated, and it remains only to ascertain the age at which I shall catch up with him."

Equally absurd to us appears the Einstein "four dimensional continuum," which is thus explained: "Lengths and times are not alterable, have not the absolute character formerly attributed to them." [Even inches does not remain permanently seven inches; nor fifteen minutes a quarter of an hour. What nonsense!] As they present themselves to us they are relations between the objects and the observer which change as

the motion relative to him changes. Time can no longer be regarded as something independent of position and motion, and the question is, What is the reality? The only possible answer is that objects must be regarded as existing in four dimensions, three of these being the ordinary ones of length, breadth, and thickness, and the fourth, time.

That is where the "catch" comes in. "If you want to know the time, ask a policeman." Time (says he) is not independent of position and motion. A dimension is an independent quantity. So let us call time a dimension. Amazing.

Time is not a reality at all. It is a mental fiction, conditional to thinking, by which we measure or note the rhythm of happenings or sensations. If nothing happened, there would be no time. When the observer goes, time ceases. Remember the flying man's mathematical demonstration that if he could fly faster than the earth revolves, and in an opposite direction, he would travel back in time, through previous years, beyond his own birthday into bygone centuries. Which is mathematical truth and exact, but still absurd.

There are more "realities" of experience than time which, if we attempt to consider them outside experience (itself an absurd attempt) become absurd. Thus, a man setting out to get to the opposite side of the street never gets there, because over there they tell him that the opposite side of the street is the side he left. "Opposite" is a reality, a fixed reality, and yet it is relative to the observer. Do we therefore talk of oppositeness as a possible dimension? Not outside the lunatic asylum. Of all the transparent absurdities of philosophy, this one of setting up "time" as a dimension is most absurd. Although noon in London may be eight or nine o'clock in Hongkong (and so we get "relativity"), fifteen minutes is a quarter of an hour in either place, whether measured at right angles to the direction of motion or not. And so we get the real and the permanent, the measure we may trust and abide by. A clock does not make time; it is only an imperfect instrument for measuring it, and the fact that a clock in the arctic region may go faster than one in the tropics, or vice versa, or faster in an aeroplane than on a train, does not establish "relativity" as regards duration.

Heat and cold may contract or expand a measuring rod, but not the eternal permanence of the dimension of length, wherein, anywhere and anyhow, the length we call six inches must always be six inches. Einstein asks us to note the experiences of an observer on a rotating disc. We have done so at the circus, and been amused, though we do not think the observer on the disc observed much. That, however, is not Einstein's notion. His observer has to be unconscious of the motion of the disc on which he is. He is to walk about on it, which is just what they couldn't manage in the circus. Then he is to stand where he cannot feel the centrifugal force, and "to watch someone else comparing by repeated applications of a small measuring rod the circumference of a circle, having its centre at that point, with its diameter. The measuring rod when laid along the circumference is moving lengthwise relatively to the observer, and is therefore subject to contraction by his reckoning. When laid radially to measure the diameter this contraction does not occur. The rod will therefore require a greater proportional number of applications to the circumference than to the diameter, and the number representing the ratio of the circumference of the circle to the diameter thus measured will therefore be greater than 3.14159, which is its normal value. Moreover, the relative velocity decreases as the centre is approached, so that the contraction of the measuring rod is less when applied to a smaller circle, and the ratio of the circumference to the diameter, while still greater than the normal, will be nearer to it than before, and the smaller the circle the less the difference from the normal. For circles whose centres are not at the point of zero force the confusion is still greater, since the velocities relative to the observer of points on them now change from point to point. The whole scheme of geometry as we know it is thus disorganised. Rigidity becomes an unmeaning term, since the standards by which alone rigidity can be tested are themselves subject to alteration. These facts are expressed by the statement that the observer's measured space is non-Euclidian; that is to say, in the region under consideration measurements do not conform to the system of Euclid.

Why is the rod subject to contraction by his reckoning? We are willing to take Einstein's word for it that it may appear shorter, but not that it is shorter. It may be true that on a revolving disc we cannot measure accurately, but if we could, the measure would be constant and Euclidian. Moving or not, the relation of circumference to diameter must be constant.

Relativity" is therefore nothing more important than the relative ability of the observer to be accurate in his measurements, affected by the behaviour of his standards in varying circumstances which have the appearance of affecting them.

Therefore there is no need for the new idea of "time-space," which is an illusion, and geometry is true either on earth or in pure ideas, so long as it gets fair play. Avoiding this is a matter of gravitation. They tell us that a pound of lead would weigh less than a pound on the moon. There is relativity here also, but nothing changes for us. A pound of lead is for us an earth pound of lead, and even if we could take it to the moon, and feel it grow lighter in our hands, we should know that the thing we had carried had remained unchanged and constant.

Let us be fair at this point, and confess that our arguments were foreseen. "Mr. Bolton, after explaining the 'Gaussian co-ordinates' that are now (we gather) necessary to replace useless (!) geometry, writes: 'The conception is somewhat difficult, and it may easily be aggravated into impossibility by anyone who thinks that he is expected to visualize it. Fortunately, this is not necessary; it is merely one of those irrelevantities to which those who are unaccustomed to think in symbols are liable.'"

To that we reply that those who think in mathematical symbols (altogether emancipated from all other symbols, such as words, or from mind pictures (visualization) are under a delusion, and liable to be further deluded, as by this Einstein foolishness. All symbols, mathematical or other, are analogous to our clock measurements of time, devices to fix thought, and the parent of them all is the picture. The symbol is a convenient (shorthand) picture of a picture, and the picture is the pointer to the thought, otherwise inexpressible. We must never forget (no, not for a moment, if we would think rationally) that the symbol is not the thing, that semi-quavers are not the music, nor words the ideas, nor poems the emotions, but only pointers and figures on the dial of mental activity. Expressed more clearly, our idea is that so far as it from being true that thinking in mathematical symbols is pure thinking, all symbols are handicaps, extra weight we have to carry in the race for the pure idea. We know this because words are symbols, and we traffic in them, while at the same time trying our best to think. The symbol does detract a certain amount of attention from the idea to itself, and as the saying is, we are led away, as the Einsteinians are by the exuberance of their own verbosity.

If Einstein has discovered that light is affected by gravitation, we have no desire to deny it. Let him simply announce it, with his proofs. But he hasn't weakened the values of Newton or of Euclid for the true thinker by one shadow of a shade.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Filipino stowed himself away on board the "Kamo-maru" when she sailed from Hongkong for Kobe. He was locked up on board but managed to escape, and was arrested in Moto-machi and taken in charge. He is now being examined.

The death at the age of 65 of the Rev. Father M. Blahot, O.M.I., a veteran missionary of Jaffna, Ceylon, occurred at the Bishop's Palace there on April 21. He was founder and Director of the Confraternity of St. Aloysius in Jaffna.

A Singapore correspondent writes that at a special general meeting of the Sporting Club a resolution was unanimously carried granting Mr. G. Owen, the late Secretary, a life pension of \$600 per annum free of Straits income-tax in appreciation of his valuable services.

The death is announced at Penang after a long illness of Mr. Colin Reginald Crawford, of Mountbatten Road, Singapore. He had been in the employ of the Singapore Harbour Board for many years and had to go to Penang to recuperate his health some few months back.

News has been received in Kobe of the death of Mr. F. Popert at Hamburg on February 14 of heart-stroke. Mr. Popert was the manager in Kobe of Messrs. Ahrens & Co., Nishi, the agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and was a resident of Kobe for some twenty-five years.

From the speech of the Bishop of Singapore: "Sir Arthur Young told him he could not afford to buy butter. He thought it hard for a Governor of the Straits Settlements to retire from Singapore and not be able to afford butter." Very hard indeed. But has his lordship got it right? We know his excellency had not extraneous. But could he have been guilty of pulling the Bishop's nicely gathered leg? asks the *Pinang Gazette*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and many other friends went on board the *Blue Funnel* s.s. "Purina" yesterday to wish her voyage to Sir James and Lady Stewart Lockhart.

The *London Daily News*, which published a letter from a correspondent implying that the directors of Farrow's Bank had been guilty of defalcation, the charge being then still under inquiry, has been fined \$100 for contempt of Court and ordered to pay the cost. Correspondents who think the columns of the Press are available to them without editorial supervision are invited to take note.

Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne, Australia, who has been in Rome for the past few weeks, had several interviews with Pope Benedict concerning the Irish question. Reports that the Australian Prelate is sailing from London on May 14 aboard the steamer "Kleist," of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha or Yokohama. Archbishop Mannix will pay a short visit to Japan before returning to Australia.

Concluding argument was heard in H. M. Supreme Court by Mr. Skinner, Turner, Acting Judge, and Capt. Hartford, R.M.S. "Kinsha," in the claim by the owners of the s.s. "Cheng Lee" against the owners of the s.s. "Nancy Miller" which has been before the Court for several days. Mr. R. Evans (Hemans) appeared for plaintiffs and Mr. S. H. McKean for defendants. Argument having been concluded the Court reserved judgment.

Mr. W. E. Frazer, Second Officer of the British steamer "Persian Prince" was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at hard labour on April 19 by the Yokohama District Court in connection with the death of a pedlar on board the ship, his appeal his case to the Court of Appeals at Tokyo. The civil case in which the parents of the pedlar asked for \$25,000 damages for the death of the youth has been settled out of court, according to Mr. Frazer's attorney. The sum paid the parents was in the neighbourhood of ¥1,000.

Subject to audit the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. will recommend the payment of a final dividend of sixteen shillings and a bonus dividend of twenty shillings per share for account 1919, an interim dividend of twenty-four shillings per share for 1920 and a bonus of 20 per cent on contributory premium. They will further recommend that \$100,000 be paid to Reinsurance Fund, \$70,000 to Building Reserve Fund and \$25,000 to Equalization of Dividend Fund, leaving about \$200,000 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account 1919. To those Shareholders who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom dividends will be paid by warrant on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, free of Income Tax.

Commenting on the increased liquor and tobacco duties in Hongkong, the *Japan Chronicle* notes that the policy of the freedom of the port is to be maintained, according to the Governor, but observes that the appearance to be like clinging to the shadow after the substance has gone. When the duties were first imposed at Hongkong it was understood that passengers landing there would not be searched, and according to a statement made by the Governor no change in this policy is intended; although he gave a warning that if the increase in the duties resulted in large amount of smuggling it might be necessary to reconsider the matter. The historical time end of the wedge has been inserted, and it will probably be found impossible for Hongkong to maintain the freedom of the port.

At the fourth ordinary annual general meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association to be held in the City Hall on May 11, at 5.30 p.m., the following resolutions will be considered:—(1) That all non-Chinese members of the Legislative Council be elected; (2) That a larger electoral body be adopted in the case of all such non-Chinese members, with the exception of the representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce; (3) That there be an "Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided in the Constitution of Ceylon; and (4) That a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for the support of the Members in securing the above change in the Legislative Council. The meeting will also consider "in conjunction with the Members of the Legislative Council, any resolution which may be moved in regard to the increase of House Rates and any other Municipal matters." Officers and Committee for the ensuing year will be elected.

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HONGKONG BUSINESS TYPES.

THE COMPRADE.

The first Europeans to visit China by sea for the purposes of trade were the Portuguese. Vasco de Gama and his bold sailors were prospecting around these shores soon after the year 1500 and a settlement was made in the little neighbouring colony of Macao. Macao had for hundreds of years a monopoly of the trade with South China and many traces of Portuguese influence are still apparent. Among these is the word "Compradore" which is pure Portuguese for "buyer." The Chinese term is "Maipan" and this has exactly the same significance. It would seem therefore that in former days the compradore was the individual appointed to make the firm's purchases, probably for the export trade in tea, silk, and other China produce. No doubt the buyer then saw reserved a buying commission for his services—not to mention the occasional opportunity for a little honest squeeze—with the result that compradores very often became extremely wealthy and important. Whilst to-day the compradore's function has altered considerably, yet he is still of great importance to the firm with which he is associated. His present work is principally that of guarantor. He stands between the foreign firm and the Chinese dealer and takes much of the risk of trading with his countrymen on his own shoulders.

Hongkong and Shanghai both lie on the edge of a vast and thickly populated country and it is the easiest thing in the world for a dealer who sees bankruptcy ahead to take down his sign-board and slip off into the interior. The compradore is the buffer who bears the shock of such bankruptcies and disappearances. He is expected to recompense the firm for any loss sustained in this fashion and in fact he is bound to do so by the terms of his engagement. And to prevent the compradore himself from vanishing he is required to find guarantors or to deposit securities in the name of the firm. Compradores have been known to clear off suddenly and leave their guarantors to make good any deficits for which they were responsible and cases of both compradore and guarantor disappearing together are said to have occurred. Usually, however, the guarantee takes the form of a deposit of money or of deeds of valuable property which will come into possession of the firm in the event of the compradore absconding.

The foreign house thus protects itself from loss as far as it possibly can. Owing to the presence of the compradore the firm is freed from the trouble of ascertaining the financial standing of every dealer as once the compradore has "chopped" the contract the responsibility for payment rests on him. Expansion of business is thus rendered comparatively easy. It must be noted, however, that the protection accorded to the firm by the compradore lies within certain well-defined limits and is meant to apply only to normal times. During the present depression of trade many quite good dealers are in a very shaky position and if a general run of bankruptcies were to ensue, losses would soon exceed the amounts deposited by most of the local compradores as their securities.

The position is better here than in Shanghai as there the compradore does not usually undertake to cover the total amount but merely a certain previously arranged percentage. It will thus be realised that while the compradore's guarantee is valuable yet its value is limited. The suggestion has been made indeed that he could very well be dispensed with entirely. He is no longer required as an intermediary since the numerous brokers have supplanted him in this activity. Formerly his knowledge of English was of assistance, but now an ever increasing number of the dealers talk English. Most of the Japanese firms and a few foreign firms in China carry on their business without compradores and deal direct with the retailers. Their brokers are required to exercise caution regarding those with whom they do business, and the firms reckon that what they lose in the way of defauling buyers they save on the compradore's commission which in a large firm totalled many thousands of dollars a year. There is no question of the dispensability of the compradore. He can be abolished at any time but the wisdom of this step is very doubtful. A protection though only partial is better than none.

Compradores like brokers are of various types some useful and others less so. The latter are often content to sit in their departments calculating their commission on every contract issued. Luckily, however, this type is rare and the Hongkong compradore is generally a man of sound sense, wide experience and tested worth. It is to his advantage to attend to the interests of his firm and often very valuable suggestions have their origin in the mind of the compradore.

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T.K.K. BOAT ABLE.

NEW VESSEL DESTROYED.

On inquiry at the Hongkong Office of the T.K.K. Kaisha this morning it was ascertained that a *China Mail* reporter that the s.s. "Tokyo Maru," whose destruction by fire is reported in our cables, was a freighter of about 8,900 tons. She was quite a new vessel, having been constructed only last year, and her maiden voyage on the South American voyage from Hongkong to Valparaiso was commenced on December 9.

The "Tokyo Maru" was due here on May 28 and it is thought that the fire must have broken soon after she left Portland. The vessel would most likely have been carrying a cargo of nitrates from South America and lumber from Portland.

TWILIGHT BABIES.

REAL FUN AT THE CORONET.

The conception of the "Twilight Baby" film, now showing at the Coronet, had a great idea. Probably some collaborators came in, and mixed things, for it contains fun of the home-play variety that is out of keeping with the refined and subtle humour of the main idea. The photographer achieved marvellous effects, especially with animals; and there is a dog cleverer than most human actors. Sly skits at the ordinary sensational or melodramatic film, and its conventional actors tricks. All lovers of animals, all who have the rudiments of a sense of humour, are bound to get pleasure from seeing this film.

WHY

IS "MAUNDY THURSDAY" SO CALLED?

"Maundy" or as it is sometimes called, "Shrove Thursday" is known on the ecclesiastical calendar as "Holy Thursday," the day before Good Friday, the day on which is commemorated the Last Supper with the Apostles. The word "Maundy" comes through the old French *mande* from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning a command, the reference being to the words of Christ at the Last Supper: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." In early Christian times the chief religious rite performed on this day was the washing of the feet of poor persons or inferiors by the priests, the prelate or some noble of the community, as an act of humiliation and penance, a custom which still survives in certain sections where the Roman or Greek Catholic Church is the official religion. Up until the sixteenth century every charity-boy at the Durham Cathedral in England had his face washed by a monk, and every monk then kissed the feet of a boy, and gave him thirty pence, seven red herrings three loaves of bread, a wafer cake and something to drink.

While the ceremony of washing the feet of the poor has been gradually abandoned, it is still the custom in many places to make Maundy Thursday a day of alms-giving, a practice which has led to the erroneous statement that "Maundy" is derived from the French word for basket, supposedly on account of the fact that the alms were doled out of large baskets carried on the arm.

natural ability to work its way up. Often sprung from lowly origin they rise by sheer intelligence and force of character to positions of great wealth and dignity and show a grasp of the principles of business which is not excelled by that of our best European merchants. It is said that there are compradores in China who are not bound down by any guarantee or deposit and in whose word or "chop" the firm has implicit trust which has never been broken. The old class of compradore with his pidgeon English, his flowing garments and his expansive figure seems destined to disappear. He is being succeeded by the slim, keen, well-tailored, Western-educated individual, equally at home in foreign or Chinese society.

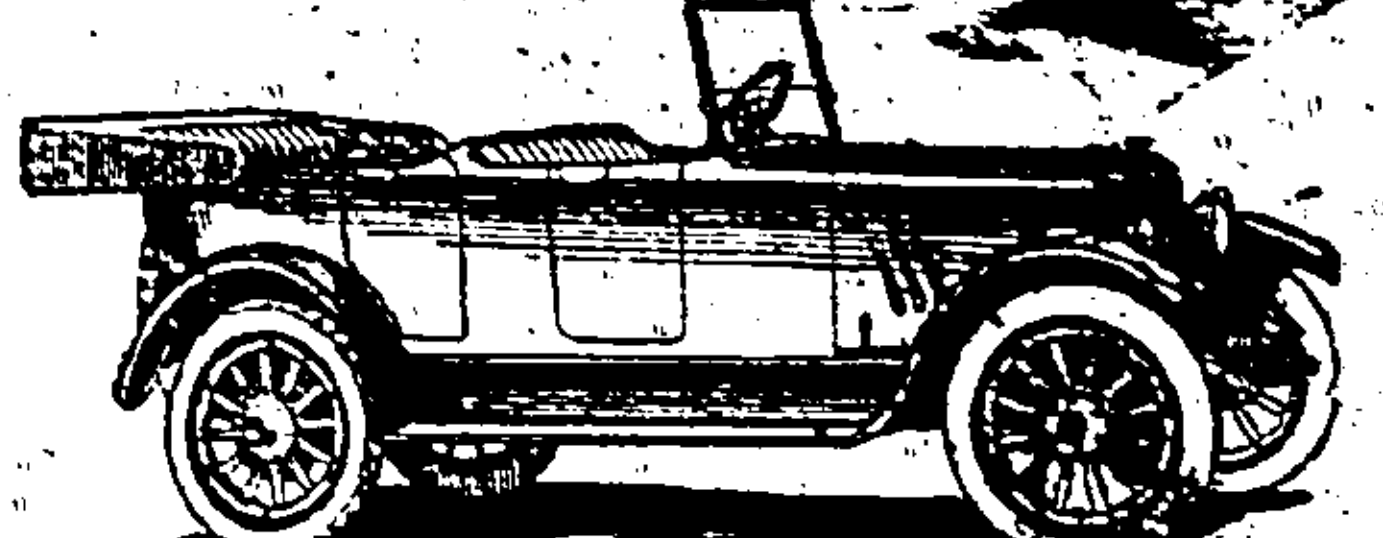
Europeans as a rule feel more at ease with the old type and the hope is often expressed that its successors will display the same worthy qualities. It is quite likely that the future of British trade in China will depend on the closeness of our co-operation with the Chinese themselves and to obtain this end the aid of the compradore or his successor will be invaluable.

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SECRET HONGKONG MEETINGS.

According to the "Canton Times," a report in the vernacular press states that prominent leaders of the Kwangsi clique, such as Mr. Chen-chung Yang, Wang-tai, Wen Chung-yao and others have arrived in Hongkong and are secretly conferring to raise disturbances in Kwangtung with the hope of regaining their lost power in the province. A certain labour union in Hongkong has been bought over by Wen Chung-yao at the price

of \$500 to be used as an organ to carry on their intrigues. In recognition of his "donation" Wen Chung-yao has been elected chairman of this certain labour union.

Two fatal cases of plague, two of smallpox, and one of enteric fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday, also one non-fatal case of smallpox Chinese.

Captain William Smith, White Star port captain since 1898, who has had forty-three years' service with the line, retired on March 19. 21st son, also, succeeded the command of the "Asahi," "Tonic," "Taitonia" and

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese charged with having thrown boiling water on another man in the course of a quarrel in Shaukiwan was this morning remanded by Magistrate Orme until Monday morning as the complainant was unable to attend court owing to the severity of his scalds.

A Chinese who had been twice banished from the colony was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Orme to a year's hard labour for having picked the pocket of another Chinese yesterday and stolen a purse containing \$5. The police will arrange for his banishment on the expiration of his term of imprisonment.

A wealthy Chinese residing in Sai Kua Yuen who was bitten by an enraged monkey, one of a large number kept in his garden, died as a result of the wound. While trying to separate two monkeys who were fighting in the garden, he was bitten on the leg, by one of the monkeys which tore away a large piece of flesh.

An Indian constable who charged a Chinese before Magistrate Lindell this morning with disorderly conduct on Blake Pier at 8 p.m., yesterday, said that the defendant while under the influence of samshu refused to pay the two cents charge for sitting on one of the front seats on the pier, and used very abusive language. The defendant denied that he was drunk, and declared that he was sitting on one of the middle seats which were free. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

A Chinese who recently returned from America by the s.s. "China," was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the unlawful possession of a Mauser pistol, a revolver, and 2,000 rounds of ammunition, found by the police yesterday in a trunk he was taking on board the s.s. "Onlee." The defendant entered the usual plea of ignorance of local regulations and was fined \$200. The arms were conditionally confiscated for three months, at the end of which time the defendant could claim them on production of a permit.

Ernest Dance was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with having been drunk and disorderly in West Point last night, and having assaulted a ricksha coolie. The defendant admitted the first offence but said that he could not remember having assaulted the coolie. Inspector Willis of No. 7 Station, said that when the defendant was brought to the charge-room, he was very disorderly and had to be looked up. A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the defendant was ordered to pay the ricksha coolie \$1 as compensation.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, 21st May, 1921, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1921, and electing Directors and Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 21st May, 1921, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at the HAPPY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, May 7th, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Charge for Admission will be \$1 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half price.
 The proceeds to be for the LADIES of Hongkong to be present.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong will be held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, 11th day of May, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., for the following purposes:—

To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1920.

To consider the following resolutions:—

(1) That all the non-Chinese members of the Legislative Council be elected.

(2) That a larger electoral body be adopted in the case of all such non-Chinese members with the exception of the Representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

(3) That there be an Unofficial majority on the Legislative Council with such safeguards as are provided in the Constitution of Ceylon.

(4) That a petition be sent to the House of Commons asking for the support of the Members in securing the above change in the Legislative Council.

To consider, in conjunction with the Members of the Kowloon Resident's Association, any resolution which may be moved in regard to the increase of House Rates, and any other Municipal matters.

To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Committee,
 L. M. WHITE,
 Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

TUESDAY,

May 10, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

AS ASSOCIATES OF
Superior Household Linens, & Co.,

Comprising:—
 Hemstitched and Scalloped Pillow Cases, Bed Sheetings 72-in. and 90-in. wide, White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances, Damask Table Cloths and Serviettes, Turkish Towels, Bath Sheets, Huckaback Towels, Crochet and Drawwork Dollies, White Calico, Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs.

And
 A number of Marble Stainettes,
 Terms:—Cash.

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 Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

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Electric Reading Lamps, Screens, Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Slide Tables, Chair Cabinets, Pictures, &c.

Also
 Several New Heavy Brass Bedsteads (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HUGHES,
 Auctioneers.
 Hongkong, May 4, 1921.

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SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD. AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

Sailings:—To Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sundays excepted) and 10 p.m. From Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sundays excepted) and 5 p.m.

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"CITY OF SHANGHAI".....Via Suez Canal.....5th June.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.

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For AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA & SANDAKAN.

"HWAH PING".....18th May.

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Agents. 112, Commercial Road, Canton.

Telephone No. 2207.

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S.S. "EDMORE" (Freight only).....May 21.

S.S. "ELDRIDGE".....May 28.

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STEAMERS

Empress of Japan.....May 17.

Empress of Asia.....May 24.

Empress of Russia.....June 14.

Empress of Japan.....June 21.

Empress of Asia.....July 5.

Empress of Russia.....July 11.

Empress of Japan.....July 18.

Empress of Asia.....Aug. 1.

Empress of Russia.....Aug. 8.

Empress of Japan.....Aug. 15.

Empress of Asia.....Aug. 22.

Empress of Russia.....Aug. 29.

Empress of Japan.....Sept. 5.

Empress of Asia.....Sept. 12.

Empress of Russia.....Sept. 19.

Empress of Japan.....Sept. 26.

Empress of Asia.....Oct. 3.

Empress of Russia.....Oct. 10.

Empress of Japan.....Oct. 17.

Empress of Asia.....Oct. 24.

Empress of Russia.....Oct. 31.

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S.S. "CHINA".....May 18th.

S.S. "NANKING".....June 15th.

S.S. "NILE".....July 13th.

SAILING FROM

HONGKONG for MANILA

S.S. "NANKING".....June 4th.

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S.S. "NILE".....June 25th.

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HAIBONG.....Capt. A. H. Stewart.....TUESDAY, 10th May, at Noon.

HAIBONG.....Capt. W. Cooper.....FRIDAY, 13th May, at Noon.

SWATOW.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Subject to change without notice.

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Cargo carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (Natal), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN direct or with transshipment at CALCUTTA and/or COLOMBO.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, MANILA, CANTON, HONGKONG, SWATOW, AMOY, SHANGHAI AND PUKOW.

LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG....."KATONA".....26th May.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1931.

CHINA'S FOREIGN OFFICE.

REORGANISATION ANNOUNCED.

Peking, April 22.—A reorganization of the Waichiao is announced.

The old system, by which the Foreign Office was divided into four departments instead of three, and which was altered in about the third year of the Republic, will be restored. A feature of the alterations will be the establishment again of a Treaty Department under Mr. Chen Tai.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE

FROM HONGKONG

May 4.—P. & O. Dilwara.

May 4.—R. F. Karna.

May 4.—R. F. Knight Companion.

May 4.—R. F. City of Shanghai.

May 4.—R. F. Themachua.

May 4.—R. F. Flax.

May 4.—R. F. Anabusa.

May 4.—R. F. Delta.

May 4.—R. F. Mentor.

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

May 4.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 4.—R. F. Leonor.

May 4.—R. F. Anconita.

FROM SHANGHAI

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May 4.—R. F. Karna.

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May 4.—R. F. Mentor.

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

May 4.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 4.—R. F. Leonor.

May 4.—R. F. Anconita.

FROM MANILA

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

May 4.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 4.—R. F. Leonor.

May 4.—R. F. Anconita.

FROM CALCUTTA

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

May 4.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 4.—R. F. Leonor.

May 4.—R. F. Anconita.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

May 4.—R. F. Eurymachus.

May 4.—R. F. Leonor.

May 4.—R. F. Anconita.

FROM SEATTLE

May 4.—R. F. Tereza.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

May 5.-D.S.K.	Soohe Maru.
6.-D.S.K.	Choyang.
8.-D.S.K.	Haibong.
9.-D.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
10.-D.S.K.	Hangchow.
11.-D.S.K.	Haiching.
12.-D.S.K.	Haiching.

AMOI.

May 5.-D.S.K.	Soohe Maru.
6.-D.S.K.	Choyang.
8.-D.S.K.	Haibong.
9.-D.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
10.-D.S.K.	Shantung.
11.-D.S.K.	Haiching.
12.-D.S.K.	Haiching.

FOOCHOW.

May 10.-D.S.K.	Haiching.
11.-D.S.K.	Haiching.

SHANGHAI.

May 5.-C.N.	Sanning.
6.-C.N.	Choyang.
7.-C.N.	Vingchow.
8.-C.N.	Hangchow.
9.-C.N.	Shantung.
10.-C.N.	Tientsin.
11.-C.N.	Tientsin.
12.-C.N.	Tientsin.

TIENSIN.

May 6.-C.N.	Choyang.
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TSINGTAO.

May 5.-C.N.	Choyang.
7.-C.N.	Vingchow.

TAKAO.

May 5.-O.S.K.	Soohe Maru.
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KEELUNG.

May 8.-O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
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PUKOW.

May 10.-C.N.	Shantung.
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HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

May 8.-C.N.	Kaifong.
11.-C.N.	Taiwang.

SAIGON.

May 10.-M.M.	Amakusa.
11.-M.M.	Lake Onawa.
12.-M.M.	Kishu Maru.

SINGAPORE.

May 10.-A.L.	Lake Onawa.
11.-A.L.	Tihsien.
12.-A.L.	Kishu Maru.
13.-A.L.	Nile.
14.-A.L.	China.

BANGKOK.

May 10.-C.N.	Luchow.
11.-C.N.	Kishu Maru.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, ETC.

May 6.-C.N.	Yuenang.
11.-C.N.	Amakusa.
12.-C.N.	Nanking.

MANILA.

May 6.-C.N.	Yuenang.
11.-C.N.	Amakusa.
12.-C.N.	Nanking.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

May 9.-Nanyo Y.K.	Macassar Maru.
10.-Nanyo Y.K.	Tisonart.
11.-Nanyo Y.K.	Lake Onawa.
12.-Nanyo Y.K.	Tihsien.

INDIAN PORTS, ETC.

May 6.-N.Y.K.	Tooe Maru.
7.-N.Y.K.	Takada.
8.-N.Y.K.	Laisang.
9.-N.Y.K.	Japan.
10.-N.Y.K.	Arratoon Apar.

CALCUTTA.

May 6.-N.Y.K.	Tooe Maru.
7.-N.Y.K.	Takada.
8.-N.Y.K.	Laisang.
9.-N.Y.K.	Japan.
10.-N.Y.K.	Arratoon Apar.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

May 5.-O.S.K.	Ganges Maru.
10.-O.S.K.	Dilwara.
11.-O.S.K.	Tajima Maru.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

May 6.-E.A.	Kagawa.
7.-E.A.	Hwah Ping.
8.-E.A.	Alh Maru.
9.-E.A.	St. Albans.
10.-E.A.	Tango Maru.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

May 6.-E.A.	Kagawa.
7.-E.A.	Hwah Ping.
8.-E.A.	Alh Maru.
9.-E.A.	St. Albans.
10.-E.A.	Tango Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

May 7.-E.A.	St. Albans.
8.-E.A.	Penang Maru.
9.-E.A.	Alh Maru.
10.-E.A.	Borneo Maru.
11.-E.A.	Kirin Maru.
12.-E.A.	Shidokawa Maru.
13.-E.A.	D.A.Co. Nippon.
14.-E.A.	Chichibu.
15.-E.A.	Yokohama.
16.-E.A.	Tokyo.
17.-E.A.	Yokohama.
18.-E.A.	Tokyo.

CROUP.

May 10.-E.A.	Kagawa.
11.-E.A.	Hwah Ping.
12.-E.A.	Alh Maru.
13.-E.A.	St. Albans.
14.-E.A.	Tango Maru.

LIVERPOOL.

May 10.-E.A.	Kagawa.
11.-E.A.	Hwah Ping.
12.-E.A.	Alh Maru.
13.-E.A.	St. Albans.
14.-E.A.	Tango Maru.

HAMBURG.

May 7.-E.A.	St. Albans.
8.-E.A.	Penang Maru.
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14.-E.A.	Chichibu.
15.-E.A.	Yokohama.
16.-E.A.	Tokyo.
17.-E.A.	Yokohama.
18.-E.A.	Tokyo.

AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

May 10.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Japan.
11.-C.P.O.S.	Melville Maru.
12.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Asia.
13.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Russia.
14.-C.P.O.S.	Monteagle.
15.-C.P.O.S.	Empress of Japan.

VICTORIA.

May 14.-A.L.	Wanatchee.
15.-A.L.	Fushimi Maru.

SEATTLE.

May 8.-O.S.K.	Manila Maru.
9.-O.S.K.	Suwa Maru.
10.-O.S.K.	Wanatchee.
11.-O.S.K.	West Jester.
12.-O.S.K.	Katori Maru.
13.-O.S.K.	Edmore.
14.-O.S.K.	Treco.
15.-O.S.K.	West Lion.
16.-O.S.K.	Africa Maru.
17.-O.S.K.	Fushimi Maru.
18.-O.S.K.	Talbyhus.
19.-O.S.K.	Edmore.
20.-O.S.K.	Ixon.
21.-O.S.K.	Keystone State.
22.-O.S.K.	Kashima Maru.
23.-O.S.K.	Wanatchee.
24.-O.S.K.	Providence.
25.-O.S.K.	Keystone State.
26.-O.S.K.	Treco.
27.-O.S.K.	Talbyhus.

PORTLAND.

June 2.-A.L.	Abercon.
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SAN FRANCISCO.

May 11.-T.K.K.	Persia Maru.
12.-T.K.K.	Gornatola.
13.-T.K.K.	China.
14.-T.K.K.	West Carmonia.
15.-T.K.K.	Knight.
16.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
17.-T.K.K.	Ribera Maru.
18.-T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
19.-T.K.K.	Borneo Maru.
20.-T.K.K.	Nile.
21.-T.K.K.	Shiroya Maru.

LOS ANGELES.

May 22.-S.A.D.	West Carmonia.
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VALPARAISO.

May 21.-N.Y.K.	AWA Maru.
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NEW YORK.

May 7.-B.F.	Rassau.
8.-B.F.	Wytheville.
9.-B.F.	Bowen Castle.
10.-B.F.	Gornatola.
11.-B.F.	Melville Maru.
12.-B.F.	Kashima Maru.
13.-B.F.	Shiroya Maru.
14.-B.F.	Winyah.
15.-B.F.	Winyah.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

May 10.-O.S.K.	Chicago Maru.
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DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN.

May 15.-O.S.K.	Chicago Maru.
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EUROPEAN PORTS.

May 15.-L.T.	Persia.
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MARSEILLES.

May 10.-M.M.	Amakusa.
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LONDON.

May 6.-E.L.	Kazuma.
7.-E.L.	Nagoya.
8.-E.L.	Admiral.
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LIVERPOOL.

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ALL CHEMISTS.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Route's Service to the China Mail.)

TRADE CREDITS.

EXTENSION OF SCHEME TO FAR EAST OPPOSED.

LONDON, May 3.

It is stated that Eastern banking institutions are opposed to an extension of the credits scheme to British India and British possessions in the Far East, including Hongkong, on the grounds that the scheme would enable the eastern importer to enter into fresh contracts with the British exporter through other channels than those having knowledge of his possibly having dishonoured bills running to large amounts.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY £51,000,000 WARTIME CLAIMS.

LONDON, May 3.

Sir Eric Geddes announced in the House of Commons that it had been arranged to pay the railway companies £51,000,000 in full settlement of various claims under wartime agreements. A recent departmental committee assessed possible liabilities at £156,000,000.

NEW GROUPING.

LATER.

Sir Eric Geddes, in the course of an important announcement bearing on the future of British railways, stated that the agreement between the Government and the companies embodied a new railway bill which would also provide for the grouping of the railways. The bill had already been widely endorsed by all the interests concerned.

PAPER FROM BAMBOO.

INDIA ABLE TO SUPPLY THE WORLD.

LONDON, May 3.

Mr. Raitt, an Indian Government cellulose expert, addressing the Society of Arts, referring to the dearth of newsprint owing to the reduced supply of wood, estimated the world's consumption of paper at 12,000,000 tons. He pointed out that only two vegetable substances were economically valuable for paper-making, namely bamboo and savannah grasses. He expressed the opinion that Burmah, Bengal, and South-West India could produce 10,000,000 tons of bamboo pulp annually and Assam 3,000,000 tons of savannah grass pulp. Therefore India could produce enough pulp for the whole world. There were prospects that bamboo unbleached pulp could be delivered in the United Kingdom at a cost of £16 or £18 a ton.

SHANGHAI RACES.

SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY'S MEETING.

Following are the results of the second day's racing of the Shanghai Race Club's Spring Meeting:—
THE RACE CLUB CUP.—Distance two miles.

Ajax (Mr. Knoll) 1
King's Cross (Mr. Dalgleish) 2
Sidelight (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 4 mins. 49.1 Secs.

THE SHANGHAI DERBY.—Distance one mile and a half.

Hall Moon Bay (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Golden Rod (Mr. Dallas) 2
Kempston (Mr. Dalgarro) 3
Time: 3 mins. 33.3 Secs.

THE MONSIEUR PLATE.—Distance three quarters of a mile.

Le Moet (Mr. Johnstone) 1
Tarnished Silver (Mr. Brand) 2
Mainsay II (Mr. Hill) 3
Time: 1 min. 42.3 Secs.

THE SIOGAWA CUP.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Old Bill (Mr. Bremner) 1
San Juan (Mr. Crockam) 2
Roubly (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 2 mins. 51.3 Secs.

THE GRAND STAND STAKES.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

The Ladybird (Mr. Brand) 1
Canimop (Mr. Crockam) 2
The Falcon (Mr. Hill) 3
Time: 3 mins. 0.2 Secs.

THE SHANGHAI STAKES.—Distance one mile and a half.

Guldborg (Mr. Crockam) 1
Seabird (Mr. Brand) 2
Rio Negro (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Time: 3 mins. 32.1 Secs.

THE SPRING CUP.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Stancliffe (Mr. Dalgleish) 1
Zandam (Mr. Knoll) 2
Wild Love (Mr. Johnstone) 3
Time: 3 mins. 4.2 Secs.

THE TIENTSIN PLATE.—Distance one mile.

Selinas (Mr. Crockam) 1
Blazing Corn (Mr. Johnstone) 2
Le Lunette (Mr. Knoll) 3
Time: 2 mins. 0.1 Secs.

THE PEKING STAKES.—Distance one mile and a quarter.

Consequence (Mr. Crockam) 1
Tynside (Mr. Wollenthorpe) 2
Fighting King (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 2 mins. 17 Secs.

DISHONEST HOUSE BOY.

WEARING HIS MASTER'S CLOTHES.

When a Chinese boy was charged before Magistrate Orme yesterday, with the theft of some of his master's clothing which he was wearing at the time of his arrest, Mr. F. G. Vaux, for the defence, contended that his client should be charged with the less serious offence of unlawful possession as there was no direct evidence of theft. The Magistrate remarked that there was no doubt as to where the articles came from. If the accused was liable for stealing, he was for receiving.

Mr. Vaux contended that he could not be liable for either. The Magistrate: He absconded. The things could not have drifted out of the place on to his back. The accused, who had been employed by Mr. R. D. Murray, of the Chartered Bank, attempted to show that he obtained the stolen articles lawfully, asserting that some of them were given to him by Mrs. Murray, others he bought from a second hand store in Canton.

Questioned with regard to one of a set of four gold studs belonging to Mr. Murray, the accused said that he picked it up in his quarters the day he entered Mr. Murray's employ. The Magistrate said that after hearing the accused's evidence, he was convinced that the case was not one for leniency. Had the accused admitted his guilt and said that he was sorry, he would have thought better of him. Sentence of one month's hard labour would be passed.

KINEMA NOTES.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

The new programme at the Hongkong Theatre to-day includes a fine 5-part picture, "Girl at Home," featuring Jack Pickford and Vivian Martin. This remarkable drama will be shown at the matinee and 9.15 p.m., performance, along with an excellent comedy, "His Wedding Night."

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INWARD MAILS.

From WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Saigon Matava
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Shanghai Poochow

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

Shanghai Shanghai
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Newspapers London)
Havana Maru

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

Japan Yucagata Maru
Japan Ito Maru

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Calcutta and Straits King

THURSDAY, MAY 12.

Straits Shidmoka Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

For WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

Samahai and Wuchow Kowching
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Hoibow Kam Yung Fat

THURSDAY, MAY 5.

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Swatow Hydrangea
Tientsin Cheongching
Toumae Kwaiwah

FRIDAY, MAY 6.

Fort Bayard, Hoibow and Haiphong Hanoi
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow Hainan
Philippine Islands Yuenang
Japan Samarang Maru

SATURDAY, MAY 7.

Shanghai and North China Yenchow
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SUNDAY, MAY 8.

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Swatow, *Amoy and Poochow Halching
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta & ADEN Laisang

TUESDAY, MAY 10.

Hoibow and Haiphong Takang
Shanghai and North China Soochow

FRIDAY, MAY 13.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow Haigang
Straits, *Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, Le Marquis, South Africa, India via Diagonal, BOMBAY, Aden, Zeyre, & EUROPE via MAHARAJES. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 12th, May at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15.

Japan, Honolulu and SAN FRANCISCO Seto Maru
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 18.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only

SPORT

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

"MONTCAIRM" v. "TAMAR."

On the Dockyard Football ground yesterday evening a large gathering of British and French sailors with a good sprinkling of civilians, watched a very interesting football match between teams representing the French Flagship "Montcairn" and H.M.S. "Tamar."

The French kicked off and made for British territory where a hard pass by their inside left sent the ball out. From the throw in Atkey received and the Britishers assumed the offensive. After drawing the defence, Atkey passed to Heap who ran in and scored at close quarters. On resuming, Atkey was pulled up for handa. The free kick gave the French a good opening. They kept the ball at the goal mouth for a long time and the defence was hard pressed until Brazendale relieved. Another break-away by the Britishers resulted in a second goal. Atkey was responsible for it after a fine piece of tricky play. The British returned to the attack from the centre, but Nurmard cleared creditably. Heap followed up with a fast shot which Marge just deflected. Paeunis kicked away and Hein dribbled down the field. He tested the British goalie, but the latter was safe. Later he gave Dubois a beautiful pass but the latter misjudged his kick and the ball went wide. The French continued to press and were soon rewarded by Dessalles scoring at close quarters. The British forced a corner at the other end. Gouan, however, cleared and transferred. Danjer had hard lines in heading just past the upright. A corner followed, and from a well placed kick, Hein brought the score to two all. When the British attacked, they were pulled up for off-side. Shortly afterwards the French went away and Dessalles sent in a drop kick which went straight into the goalie's hands. When the British next attacked, Marge saved from Atkey only to be beaten by Heap from a corner kick. With the next French attack, there was a strenuous struggle in front of goal and soon the score was again level. The attack was immediately followed up from the centre and Dessalles who was playing a fine game put the French one up. Later Dubois missed a good chance. A little before time Atkey scored, making 4 all.

At the resumption, the French centre forward gave a fine exhibition of tricky play which took him well down the field before he was pulled up by Handford. The British attacked, but Gouan was safe and the ball was returned. A corner was forced. Danjer shot nicely and in a *males* which followed, the centre forward scored. The Britishers went down from the centre and spent a long time in French territory. The French attack which followed put them two goals up. After this the British pressed with determination and Grant wiped out the French lead by scoring twice in quick succession. The pressure was kept up for a long time, and although the French defence worked very hard, Atkey broke through and put the British one up. With only a few more minutes to go, the French attacked, and after Austin had deflected a fine shot from Danjer, the latter scored from a beautiful pass from his wingman. Time came soon afterwards with the game a draw of seven goals each.

THE TEAMS.—
The following were the teams:—"Montcairn"—Marge; Paeunis, Nurmard; Le Loubere, Gouan, Joune; Dubois, Chamalet, Dessalles; Hein and Danjer.
"Tamar"—Austin, Handford, Brazendale; Carroll, Hindson, Rowe; Hayes, Spicer, Grant, Atkey and Heap.

BOXING NOTES.

MORAN AND CARPENTIER.
Writing to the London *Athletic News* in mail week "The Game Chicken" says:—
If all professional boxers were like the genial American Pittsburg, Frank Moran, the sport would be all the better. Some time ago he entertained to dinner the leading sporting writers in London, and the latter, the other night, returned his pretty compliment. It is a privilege to participate in a gathering which will live for long in the memory of all present.

Frank Moran as an orator is unknown to most followers of the sport, but to hear him reel out sound wisdom on the inner and better side of boxing, without a note in guidance, with a flow of beautiful language which would rouse the envy of a Cabinet Minister, is something calculated to captivate the most learned. It was an educational treat.

Frank Moran once realized that it was possible to get to the top of the boxing tree, and his efforts since filling a breach in an exhibition with Jack Johnson in his home town have been concentrated upon reaching the pinnacle that so many strive after but so few obtain. He realized that

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it would be hard work, with a necessary and very searching study of human nature which is conspicuous by its absence for the make up of most men who have taken to the ring as a profession. He is succeeding, slowly, it may be declared, but he certainly is on the path that leads to victory. Moran is anything but egotistical, and one realizes that his great desire to meet Carpenter is something more than an excuse to get a contest where the losing end of the purse might be large.

A SPORTSMAN'S OFFER.
The American has been opposed to the European champion since Georges, as referee, decided that Jack Johnson outpointed Moran in Paris just before the latter came over here to beat Billy Wells. He feels that he has suffered an injustice which can only be eased by an actual contest with the young man who revolutionized the heavy-weight position at home.

Moran is sincere in his desire that so far as he is concerned it can be the most sporting bout that was ever staged. In other words, he is prepared to box a championship contest with the Frenchman and take nothing in the shape of monetary reward—win or lose—his share going to charities. He would be satisfied with the opportunity to prove whether he or Georges is the better man.

GODDARD AND WELLS.
One wonders what is the little obstacle that prevents a meeting between Billy Wells and Frank Goddard. Negotiations were almost completed a few days ago, when Wells linked his signature to that of Joe Beckett for a third encounter with the latter having the advantage of being in the title role, there is no doubt that a fixture with Goddard would have been the more attractive, for they have never met.

Beckett has also fixed up for rubber contests with Goddard and Dick Smith, but up to the present one has failed to notice an abundance of enthusiasm over the arrangements. There is a canny cautiousness on the part of promoters to come forward, and under the circumstances one cannot wonder at it. This open inquiry for purses also brings surprise at the attitude of Wells.

In all this disturbance it may be noted that "Boy" McCormick, recently returned from America, has not been included in any of the business. Now the present holder of our cruiser-weight championship has only himself to blame for this, for he has estimated his own value as being on a par with Carpenter and Moran, and others would be apparently *intra dig*.

If the "Boy" is to do any good at home, he must get impressed with the fact that his British record is a moderate one, and ere he can hope to fly

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INTERPORT VOLLEY BALL.

HONGKONG v. CANTON.

The return interport volley ball match between the above ports will take place to-morrow at 4 p.m. sharp at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street.

The Public is cordially invited to witness the game as a close and well contested match is anticipated.

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